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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 01/10/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/03/04
BRO-FRY	156,475	133,187
LT HENS	1,310	1,143
HVY HENS	1,482	930

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 20-Dec-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	192	4	196

HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS

LAST WEEK	241	3	244
SAME WEEK YR AGO	341	11	352
TO-DATE/2003	10,883	152	11,035
TO-DATE/2002	15,300	301	15,601

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,532	1,513	3,045

HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS

LAST WEEK	1,620	1,295	2,915
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,123	1,453	3,576
TO-DATE/2003	82,860	71,463	154,323
TO-DATE/2002	103,773	72,438	176,211

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 03-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	134,816	1,118	898	2,016
AVG WT	5.15	3.19	7.95	5.31
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	113,075	918	808	1,726
SAME WK YR AGO	126,793	1,179	1,127	2,306
AVG WT	5.15	3.39	7.83	5.56
TO-DATE/2003	8,067,093	74,013	73,017	147,030
TO-DATE/2002	*7,986,625	89,440	72,815	162,255*

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 147.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 136.5 million head or 10.6 million head less than or 93% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 27-Dec-2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	20,542	19,674	27,559
Avg Weight	3.77	4.70	6.27
% of total /1	30%	29%	41%

COMPARISONS

Last week	14,351	12,189	25,303
Avg Weight	3.64	4.60	6.19
% of total /1	28%	24%	49%

Same week, yr ago /2	20,200	13,130	30,903
Avg Weight	3.71	4.74	6.17
% of total /1	31%	20%	48%

To date/2003	1,201,008	1,241,497	2,269,781
To date/2002	1,309,674	1,150,411	2,115,186

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 03-Jan-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,347	1,786	17	13	3,163
AVG WT	15.51	37.67	25.16	30.23	28.13
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	901	1,212	1	1	2,115
SAME WK YR AGO	1,265	1,987	18	9	3,279
AVG WT	15.43	38.84	26.63	31.41	29.73
TO-DATE/2003	99,467	143,035	3,156	620	246,278
TO-DATE/2002	*96,225	142,925	2,737	665	242,552*

***Due to 53 weeks in 2003, year to date for 2002 unchanged from last week.**

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.

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